

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-5-24**

Date Prepared: May 20, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: May 24, 1999  
Business Meeting: May 24, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D98.6.127 – Havre Pipeline – Address Havre Pipeline's Notice of Withdrawal and intention to respond to the Order Compelling Discovery, unless Commission deems it unnecessary with the withdrawal (5/25/99)
2. D99.3.72 – Seeley Lake Gas Co – To discuss/act on sale of assets to Cenex Harvest States (5/25/99)
3. D99.4.104 – Energy Engineering – To discuss/act on motion for reconsideration (5/25/99)
4. D99.4.107 – AT&T – AT&T's Application for Approval of its Digital Link Service Dialing Parity Implementation Plan – To discuss and act of AT&T's application (5/25/99)
5. D99.4.82 – MPC – MPC's request for PUHCA determination of EWG status – Action on issuing consent to EWG status of generation facilities after MPC sale to PP&L Montana (5/25/99)

6. D99.3.68 – Covad/USWC Interconnection – To approve the agreement (5/25/99)
7. BPA's proposed standards for service – Discuss participating in an effort to file joint comments (5/24/99)
8. Wattage Monitor – Discuss wattage monitor proposal for web site (5/25/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATION - N99.5.118 (Wendy)

On May 5, 1999, U S West Communications, Inc. filed Tariff Transmittal 99-29, "Introduction of Integrated T-1 Service." I T-1 provides a 1.544 mbps facility. It includes a DS1 Facility, common equipment, local exchange switching, and 24 flat rated channels which may provide singularly or in combination: basic voice service (line side); basic voice service (truck side), ISDN Basic Rate Service, and data services.

2. CENTURYTEL – Docket N99.5.119 (Dave B.)

On May 6, 1999, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal No. 99 – 3 to introduce a promotional offering in which the non recurring charge will be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same premise and/or the first month's charge will be waived for customers who subscribe to Caller ID and/or Voice Mail Service. The promotional period is from June 10, 1999 through August 8, 1999.

3. US WEST COMMUNICAITONS DOCKET NO. N99.5.115 (Eric)

On May 5, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-26 for approval of its proposed "Centrex Prime Promotion" which is to run from May 24<sup>th</sup>

through August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1999. Under the promotion, business customers who subscribe to Centrex Prime or add Centrex Prime station lines will receive a 50 percent discount of the non-recurring charges under a 36-59 month rate stability plan and a 100 percent waiver under a 60 month plan.

4. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS- Docket N99.5.117 (Scott)

On May 5, 1999, U S WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-28 to introduce a feature package for 1 and 2 line business customers called "Business CustomChoice Package". The package will include an individual flat rated access line and a choice of one or more selected features. In addition, Business CustomChoice customers may purchase the following services and features at a discounted monthly rate: Business Voice Messaging, Remote Access Forwarding or Scheduled Forwarding.

5. AT&T-Docket N99.5.124 (Scott)

On May 11, 1999, AT&T filed Advice 99-09 changes to AT&T's Montana price list. The filing updates the reference to AT&T's F.C.C. tariff from No. 1 to No. 27, eliminates three holidays for which discounts will be given, increases the unit decrement for prepaid cards from one to two units, increases the rates for Directory Assistance to match interstate rates, revises references to 10288 to 1010288, restructures AT & T Long Distance Wireless Service to a postalized pricing scheme, and restructures AT&T Prepaid Cards to include more denominations and separate rates for card unit denominations.

6. ROCKY MOUNTAIN INTERNET, INC., ROCKY MOUNTAIN BROADBAND, INC., AND COMMUNICATION NETWORK SERVICES, L. L. C. - Docket N99.5.125 (Leroy)

On May 10, 1999, Rocky Mountain Internet, Inc. Rocky Mountain Broadband, Inc. and Communication Network Services, L. L. C. filed a joint application for the approval of the purchase of all the assets of Communication Network Services L. L. C. by Rocky Mountain Internet, Inc.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. **SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY N99.5.127(Leroy)**

On May 13, 1999, Southern Montana Telephone Company filed for approval of Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) and Voice Mail as regulated but detariffed new services.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-May 31**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N99.5.127 – Southern Montana Telephone – App for new service tariff

N99.5.128 – USWC – Application for protective order

D99.5.129 – PSC – Petition for EAS: Mid-Rivers, Triangle & Project consolidation

D99.5.130 – Energy Northwest – Energy Northwest USBP

N99.5.131 – NRG Industries Ltd – Application for Electric Suppliers License

N99.5.132 – USWC – USWC/Global Crossing Information tracking merger

N99.5.133 – USWC – tariff 99-30 Business Simple Value Calling Plan – Price reduction

N99.5.134 – USWC – tariff 99-31 ICB pricing for guaranteed rate calling connection plans

N99.5.135 – USWC – tariff 99-AC03 Replacement Grandfather multiple point of tandem sectorization (MPTS)